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FATE MAY SPARE
CHARLES ROBERTSDoctors Say Roller Chair
Victim Is Recovering.

HINT ROBBER IS CULPRIT

Mrs. W. S. G. Williams Gives
Statement to Reporters.Atlantic City Police Guard Details
from Publicity While Investigation
Is Being Made of the Shooting by a
Masked Man on the Boardwalk of
Prominent Baltimore Financier in
Company with Boon Friend's Wife.Atlantic City, N. J., Aug. 28.—Charles
B. Roberts, of Baltimore, who was shot
while riding with Mrs. W. S. G. Williams,
of the same city, in a wheel chair on
the boardwalk last Wednesday night, still
lives and the physicians who have been
attending him at the City Hospital said
to-night that unless unforeseen complications
occur he will probably recover.While the issue of his convalescence
still hangs in the balance, the cloud that
has been thrown around the incidents
surrounding his wounding by every one
concerned in the occurrence remains
almost impenetrable.Both of the principals, and Atlantic City
in general, which means the hotel keepers
and those interested in the maintenance
of the reputation of this place as a summer
resort, are in accord in the effort
which was partially successful, that of
keeping the facts of the shooting of Mr.
Roberts screened.Contradictory statements and the refusal
to make any statements concerning
the incident have characterized to-day's
developments in the affair on all
sides.

Hints at Hold-up.

Capt. Richard K. Whalen, head of the
local detective bureau, refused to-day to
make any statement concerning the facts
of the shooting. He said that he was too
busy to talk to the newspaper men, and
that, anyway, as far as he could see,
there was little in the occurrence to de-
note anything except a case of hold-up.From another source in the police de-
partment it was learned that more im-
portance than Capt. Whalen cared to
make public was being attached to the
shooting of the Baltimore clubman, and
that active work was being done in Bal-
timore to apprehend the man suspected of
having been the possible perpetrator of
the crime.When Mrs. Williams was asked to
make a statement to Police Chief Mal-
colm Woodruff, she gave details of
events prior to the shooting. It was
learned to-day, which have been of more
than passing interest to the local police.
Mrs. Williams is reported to have told
the chief of police that her husband had
not recently returned from Europe, as
first reports had it, but had been in a
very recent date a patient in a sanato-
rium. She said he had telephoned to
her on Tuesday afternoon at the Brighton
Hotel here. Mrs. Williams' statement
was a contradiction of the report from
Baltimore on Thursday night, which
quoted Mr. Williams as saying that he
did not believe that his wife was at At-
lantic City, but was convinced that she
was stopping in Boston.When Mr. Williams rang her up on
Tuesday afternoon, Mrs. Williams is
reported to have told the police chief,
he demanded that she return to Baltimore
immediately. Mrs. Williams says she de-
clined on the ground that she had paid
her hotel bill and to including Satur-
day, and that she preferred remaining in
Atlantic City until that time. Mrs. Wil-
liams told Chief Woodruff that her hus-
band appeared to be very angry because
of her refusal to return at his demand.

Detective Sent There.

The statement Mrs. Williams made to
the chief followed closely upon a report
which he received from Detective Harry
Wilson, who had been dispatched from
Atlantic City to Baltimore within two
hours after the report of the shooting
had been received at police headquarters.The report that Chief Woodruff, of this
place, received from his detective showed
that Williams had left the sanatorium,
where he had been a patient for some
weeks, on Tuesday afternoon; that he
had slept at the Maryland Club on Wed-
nesday night, and had left the club on Wed-
nesday morning. Between the time that
Williams left the club and the hour on
Thursday night when the reporters found
him at his country home, outside of Bal-
timore, no trace of his movements could
be discovered by the Atlantic City de-
tectives. Mr. Williams has not appeared
at Atlantic City since the report of the
shooting of Mr. Roberts became public.Mrs. Williams and her three daughters
kept to their rooms at the Brighton Ho-
tel this afternoon.

Typewritten Statement.

This afternoon she gave out a typewrit-
ten statement, which she specified should
be for the use of the Baltimore reporters
only. Her statement was this:"Mr. Roberts and I left the Brighton
Hotel in a rolling chair at about twenty

WEATHER FORECAST.

For the District of Columbia
and Maryland—Fair; warmer
to-day; to-morrow partly cloudy;
light east to southeast winds.

HERALD NEWS SUMMARY.

PAGES. TELEGRAPHIC.

- 1—Atlantic City Mystery Unsolved.
- 1—Politicians Continue Fight on Hughes.
- 1—Waterson Talks on Issues.
- 1—Runaway Car Kills Five.
- 3—Williams Scandal Stir Baltimore.
- 4—News of Maryland and Virginia.
- 4—Atlantic City Saloons Capitulate.
- 5—Flood Damage Reaches \$5,000,000.

LOCAL.

- 1—Firebugs Try to Burn Manassas.
- 2—Supt. Stuart Talks of the Schools.
- 2—Prisoner Escapes from Court.
- 2—J. Frank Button Drowned in River.
- 2—Chevy Chase Democrats Organize.
- 2—Tuberculosis Congress Plans.
- 12—Baldwin's Balloon Makes Flight.
- 12—Mrs. Early Not Coming to Capital.

WATTERSON LETS
LOOSE ON ISSUESHolds Prohibition Is on the
Wane in Kentucky.

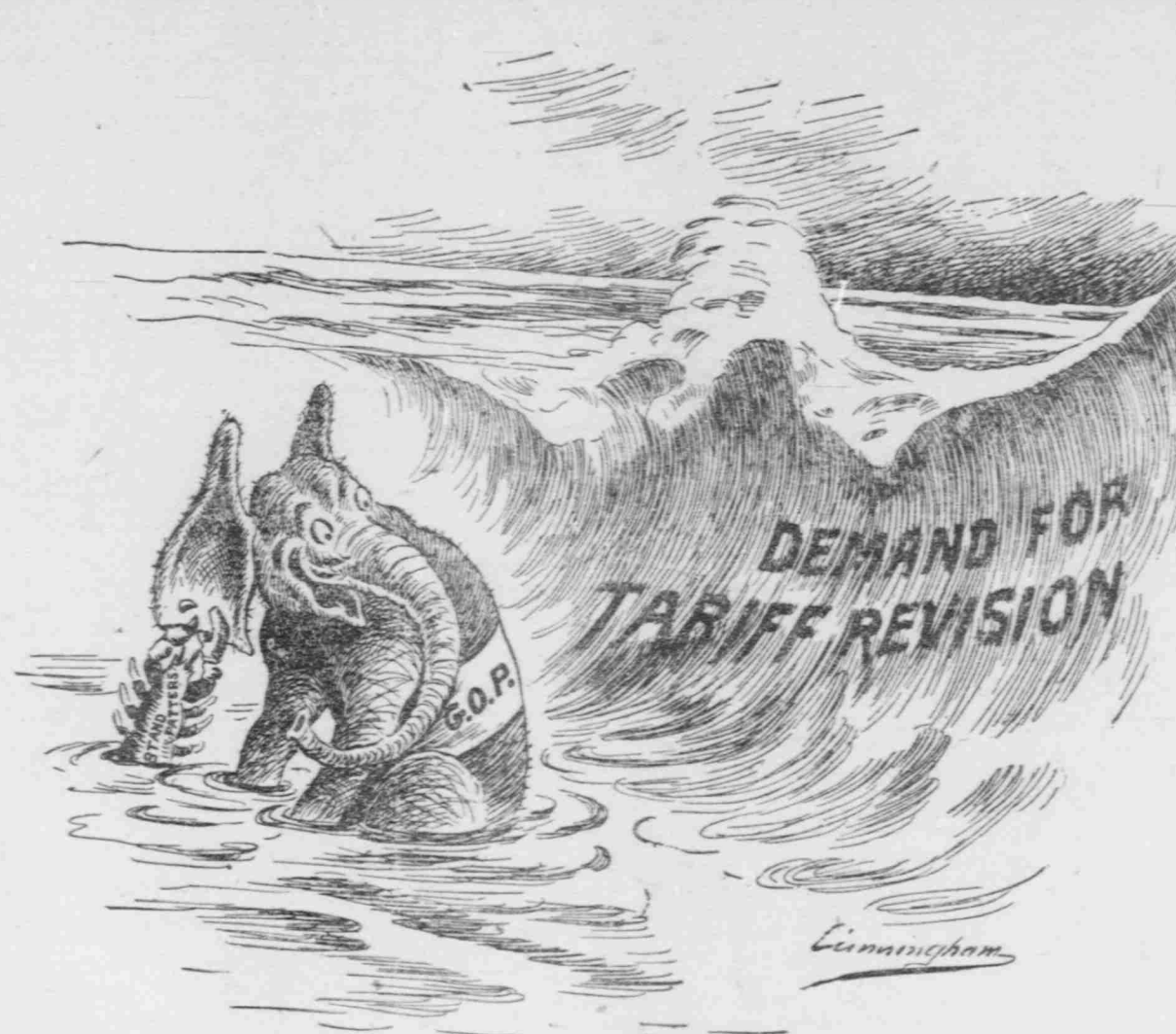
TOUCHES UP RACE PROBLEM

Says Brownsville Incident Will Not
Affect the Vote—Famous Editor
Says Neither Party Is After Black
Man's Vote—Negro's Only Salvation
in Hands of Old Southern Masters.New York, Aug. 28.—"Marse" Henry
Waterson cut loose to-day at Democratic
national headquarters, in the Hoffman
House, and talked about things, mainly
prohibition, which he doesn't care for
deeply, and the race question. He thinks
prohibition is on its wane, and that a lot
of Northern negroes will vote for Bryan.
"I honestly think the people of the
country are getting over this prohibition
hysteria," said the colonel."In my own State of Kentucky it has
almost spent its force. The Democratic
strength there lies in the fact that the
Democrats stand for local option. I have
a place ten miles out of Louisville, and
would vigorously oppose licensing any
saloon there, but in Louisville, a big
city, it's different."I would increase the cost of license
everywhere and reduce the number of sal-
oons and make liquor dealers obey the
law. To say by law that a man who likes
a drink is guilty of a felony, I take
care, in my mind, monstrous."Touching on the Brownsville incident,
the Kentucky editor said:
"It won't materially affect the negro
voter in the South; they'll vote the Re-
publican ticket where they vote at all,
but it will make a big change in the
North, I think."

Negroes Not Counted.

"If I were to speak to the negro to-day
I would tell him that neither party is
hunting for his vote. I would say: 'The
Democrats haven't sought you, and the
Republicans use you only to abuse you.'"
"The time has come for the negro to
divide his vote and thus become a factor
in politics such as he is not to-day. Let
him make peace with the old master class
in the South.""That's the road to race pacification.
Anyhow, there is more race feeling in
some parts of the North to-day than in
the South. In the North the negro com-
petes with white labor; in the South he
constitutes the laboring class. I repeat
that the time has come for him to make
profitable overtures to the whites, and I
talk as a friend of the negro for forty
years' standing."

LEGACY IS A GOLDEN HOARD

Colossal Fortune Built by a Money
Lender.Sage's Estate Appraised at Over
Sixty-six Millions, of Which
Widow Gets Nearly All.New York, Aug. 28.—The official ap-
praisal of the estate of Russell Sage, now
file in the surrogate's office, not only
discloses the value of the property, but
also throws an interesting light on the
extent of the call loan business, for which
Mr. Sage was best known in Wall street.
The report of the appraiser shows that
right up to the day of his death, which
occurred on July 22, 1907, Mr. Sage's
treasury was open to call loan borrowers,
and that it was an unusual thing for him
to loan several million dollars in a day.The executors, Charles Washburn and
John P. Munn, on taking charge of the
estate, found a great many call loans
still outstanding on the day of Mr. Sage's
death, some of which had been made as
far back as the beginning of the year.A partial list of Mr. Sage's loans in
the six months preceding his death shows
the amounts he loaned, and the firms
that came to borrow from him. No sin-
gle loan is for more than \$500,000.
The total amount of these loans, with
the interest, which the executors called
in and collected, was more than \$20,000,000.
Mr. Sage also owned large blocks of
gold-edged bonds and stocks, the total
value of which figured at the market
price of the day of Mr. Sage's death,
exceeded \$30,000,000.Most of the stocks and bonds are quoted
to-day at much lower figures than they
would have brought if sold at market
prices on the day Mr. Sage died.
Summarizing the whole appraisal, the
gross personality is valued at \$64,411,718
and the gross realty at \$1,945,530, a total
of \$66,357,248.Summer Specials—Artistic Designs and
clusters, \$2.50. Blackstone, \$2.50. H. H.Va. Pine Joints, \$1.50 Per 100 Feet,
But Pine Joints and Blackstone, \$2.50.

HILL NOT CANDIDATE

Former Senator Talks on Re-
turn from Europe.

AGED SIXTY-FIVE TO-DAY

"Four Years Ago I Retired from
Politics Forever," He Says, "and
I'm Out of It. Let's Talk About
Something Else. I Had a Fine
Visit with Richard Croker."

WANTS TWO SPEECHES.

Indiana Asks Bryan to Explain
Bank Guaranty.Indianapolis, Ind., Aug. 28.—Gilbert
Hendren, chairman of the speakers' bu-
reau of the Democratic state commit-
tee, announced to-day that William J.
Bryan will make two speeches in
Southern Indiana September 10. On
the afternoon of that day he will speak
at Poseyville and at night he will be
at Evansville. Arrangements are be-
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men who have small savings.

LINCOLN TRAIN ARRIVES LATE

Bryan Has Much Mail on His
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Trip to-morrow.Lincoln, Neb., Aug. 28.—Through mis-
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not arrive in Lincoln late this evening, in-
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DEATH IN CAR TRAIL

Five Killed and Fifteen In-
jured at Colliery.

DASHES DOWN STEEP SLOPE

Carrier Used for Manure Gets Away
from Workmen and Before Warn-
ing Can Be Given Is Flying on Its
Thousand Feet Journey of Destruc-
tion—Caused by Carelessness.

WILKESBORO, PA., AUG. 28.—Five men

were killed and fifteen injured shortly
after 6 o'clock this evening at the Warrior
Run Colliery of the Lehigh Valley Coal
Company, when a manure car got be-
hind control of the headman and dashed
down a steep slope into a crowded track
on which workmen were being hauled to
the surface. The four-ton car hurtled
the track 100 feet down the steep incline,
instantly killing five boys and men and
frightfully maiming fifteen others who
were in the car.The dead are: James Gallagher, car
runner, single, aged twenty-seven; Julius
Kurtz, aged forty, miner, single; Frank
Ostroski, aged thirty-seven, married;
Simon Rucavage, aged sixteen, door-
tender, and John Forkalsnak, aged fifty-
one, married.

At Close of Day.

The day had been finished, and the
heavy wooden car, with four seats run-
ning crosswise, was full of men eager
to gain the surface and hasten home.
James Stinson, the headman, is blamed
for the accident. In order to save a lit-
tle time at the end of the day's work,
he moved the loaded manure car from a
branch siding into a switch on the main
slope so as to send it down the slope im-
mediately after the miners had passed
up. He failed to properly secure the car,
and it got away from him.

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SOUTHERN POET DIES.

New Orleans Playwright Wrote
Many Stage Productions.New Orleans, Aug. 28.—Ezra W. H. Wil-
liams, a poet and playwright of local note,
died here to-day, aged fifty-six years.
He was a native of New Orleans, had
been connected with homestead associa-
tions most of his life, and recently or-
ganized the Title and Mortgage Guaranty
Company, over which he presided. He
showed a taste for dramatic writing, and
was the author of the "Duke's Jester,"
"The Man in Black," dramatized from
Stanley Weyman's novel; "The Hus-
band," "A Cavalier of France," "All-
amas, Parrhasius," and other plays.

RETURN FROM EUROPE.

Mauretania Brings Many Notables
from Summer Abroad.New York, Aug. 28.—The Mauretania
arrived this morning, having on board,
besides seven returning American athletes
from the Olympiad, the following nota-
bles: Ethel Barrymore, William du Pont,
Charles G. Gable, Senator Hale, of Maine,
and Chandler Hale, his son; E. E. Smith,
Sir Francis Channing, bart., M. P.;
William M. Chase, the portrait painter,
and Louis Sherry, the restaurant man.INCENDIARIES TRY
TO BURN A TOWNManassas, Va., Visited by a
Desperate Band.

WOMAN HEARS THEM PLOTTING

Bakery Building Is Discovered in
Flames—All the Inhabitants Turn
Out And Give the Firemen Valua-
ble Aid—Exhaust Water Supply.Early yesterday morning an incendiary
made an unsuccessful attempt to burn the
town of Manassas, Va.Miss Blench Williams is a dressmaker
of the town. She occupied rooms on the
second floor of the Enterprise Bakery
Building. Soon after midnight she was
awakened by voices in front of the
bakery. One of the voices, that of a
man, said:"There is a light upstairs. If we thought
there was any money there, we would go
in and have some fun."

Unlocked the Door.

Miss Williams says that a few seconds
later she heard some one unlock a door
and enter the building. She detected the
odor of coal oil, and soon thereafter dis-
covered the building on fire. She grabbed
her clothing and ran into the street, call-
ing "Fire!"This act probably saved the town from
destruction, for it was only a few minutes
later when a second building was discov-
ered to be on fire. The citizens, old and
young,